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FOUR MISSING BRITISH SUBJECTS IDENTIFIED IN ENCLOSURE TO BRITISH
EMBASSY'S DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF MAY 23, 1974, AS FOLLOWS:

1. WILLIAM HENRY WALLIS. BORN 1909. BRITISH CIVILIAN EMPLOYED
IN VIET-NAM AS AN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY OFFICER BY A CIVIL CONTRACTING
COMPANY. CAPTURED ON AFTERNOON OF 14 FEBRUARY 1965 WHILE ON A
MOTORBOAT PLEASURE TRIP ON THE RIVER BETWEEN SAIGON AND THU DAU
MOT (PHU CUONG), ONLY A FEW MILES FROM SAIGON. A FEW OF HIS
PERSONAL POSSESSIONS WERE LATER FOUND ON THE RIVER BANK.

2. THOMAS GUY CORNTHWAITE. BORN 1945, CAPTURED ON
5 NOVEMBER 1968, A BRITISH SUBJECT WHO WAS A CIVILIAN
EMPLOYEED BY DECCA NAVIGATION COMPANY. HE LEFT QUI NHON IN A
WHITE JEEP INTENDING TO DRIVE TO SAIGON VIA DALAT AND THEN TRAVEL
ON FROM SAIGON TO EUROPE. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A US CITIZEN,
JAMES SIMPSON, A CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE SAME COMPANY. THEY
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NEVER REACHED SAIGON, THOUGH THEIR JEEP WAS SUBSEQUENTLY FOUND.

3. JOHN HOWARD REEVES. BORN 1943, WAS A MEMBER OF THE US MARINE CORPS, SERVICE NUMBEER 216-30-24, WHO WAS REPORTED MISSING ON 23 DECEMBER 1966 IN MILITARY REGION I IN SOUTH VIET-NAM.

4. YIK CHIU TO. BORN 1913, WAS A RADIO OPERATOR EMPLOYED BY AIR AMERICA. HE WAS TRAVELING OVER LAOS IN A C46 AIRCRAFT NUMBER B150 ON 5 SEPTEMBER 1963 WHEN THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE. CREW PARACHUTED OUT AND WERE CAPTURED BY THE PATHET LAO. TO WAS HELD AT A CAMP IN THA PACHON VILLAGE ALONG WITH THE AMERICAN PILOT, MR. BRUIN. THEY ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE ESCAPED IN 1966 ALTHOUGH THIS HAS NEVER BEEN CONFIRMED.
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